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MAY 25 2017

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman, House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

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**FISCAL YEAR 2018**  
**MARINE CORPS UNFUNDED PRIORITY LIST**

PRIORITY	ITEMS (GROUND)	APPN	FY18 (\$M)
1	MARSOC Long Endurance Small UAS UUNS	PMC	16.6
2	155mm HE Training Round	PANMC	17.0
3	60mm Full Range Practice Round	PANMC	11.0
4	81mm Full Range Practice Round	PANMC	14.5
5	G/ATOR System Acceleration	PMC	122.4
6	G/ATOR Comm Equipment Group Shelter	PMC	4.5
7	Instrumented Tactical Engagement Simulation System (ITES-II), Force on Force Training Systems	PMC	8.9
8	Night Optics (INOD Block III) for Sniper Rifle	PMC	20.2
9	Full Spectrum Cyber Operations - Deployable Mission Support Systems (DMSS)	PMC	7.1
10	Facilities Sustainment (80%)	OMMC	44.9
11	Tactical Surveillance Countermeasure (TSCM) Suites, CI and HUMINT Equipment Program (CIEP)	PMC	10.1
12	P210 - F-35 Simulator Facility, MCAS Miramar, CA	MCN	47.6
13	P977 - Combat Vehicle Warehouse, MCLB Albany, GA	MCN	43.3
14	P1458 - 2nd Radio BN Complex, Phase 2, MCB Lejeune, NC	MCN	64.3
15	P542 - TBS Fire Station Building 533 Replacement, MCB Quantico, VA	MCN	23.7
16	P877 - Mokapu Gate Entry Control AT/FP Compliance, MCB Kaneohe Bay, HI	MCN	26.5
<b>USMC GROUND TOTAL</b>			<b>482.7</b>
PRIORITY	ITEMS (AVIATION)	APPN	FY18 (\$M)
1	Procure (+2) CH-53K Aircraft + Initial Spares	APN	287.7
2	Procure (+4) KC-130J Aircraft + Initial Spares	APN	355.5
3	Procure (+4) F-35B Aircraft + Initial Spares	APN	616.6
4	Procure (+2) F-35C Aircraft	APN	260.0
5	Procure (+2) MV-22 Aircraft	APN	180.5
6	Procure (+7) AH-1Z Aircraft	APN	220.5
7	Procure (+2) C-40A Aircraft + Initial Spares	APN	227.6
8	Procure (+4) UC-12W Aircraft + Initial Spares	APN	67.0
9	MV-22 CC-RAM Nacelle Improvements	RDTEN	15.0
10	USMC F/A-18C/D H12C Training Systems	APN	17.5
11	ALQ-214 USMC Retrofit (28)	APN	65.1
12	ALR-67(V)3 Retrofit A-Kits and partial B-kits (34)	APN	16.0
13	AGM-176A Griffin Missile Qualification	WPN	9.4
14	Electronic Warfare Services Architecture (EWSA)	RDTEN	5.5
15	Electronic Warfare (EW) Range Improvements and Upgrades	RDTEN	20.5
16	Intrepid Tiger (IT) II (V)3 UH-1Y Jettison Capability	RDTEN	3.0
<b>USMC AVIATION TOTAL</b>			<b>2,367.4</b>
PRIORITY	ITEMS (NAVAL)	APPN	FY18 (\$M)
1	Procure (+5) Ship-to-Shore Connectors	SCN	312.0
2	Procure (+1) Mine Countermeasures (MCM) Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV)	OPN	17.0
3	C2 Systems for Amphibs - Integrating CAC2S with SSOS	RDTEN	3.0
<b>USMC NAVAL TOTAL</b>			<b>332.0</b>
<b>USMC GROUND &amp; AVIATION TOTAL</b>			<b>2,850.1</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>3,182.1</b>